



**All Saints CE  
Academy**



Love, Respect and Kindness

# Newsletter

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## Welcome back to school!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and recharged ready for another exciting year.

We welcome Miss Shanahan, our new Year 3 teacher. She has already settled well into life at ASA, please do pop in and say hello!

We also welcome our new Nursery children and some new pupils who have started with us from other schools. We hope you have a wonderful start with us at All Saints!

There are a number of new initiatives taking place in school this year. Firstly, we are introducing an exciting new curriculum which is knowledge rich and sequential in learning new skills. This is in line with the guidance from the new Ofsted framework. The children's work will be based upon a common question which develops as the children pass through the school. We are in the process of planning some workshops which we will be inviting you to next term. They will offer you further information about our new curriculum and for you to be involved with the children's learning.

We are also arranging a number of careers talks in school. Our children need to be prepared for a rapidly changing world and understand what job opportunities are available to them. These talks will range from people who work in the NHS, to hairdressers, manufacturers to CEOs of national companies to give just a few examples. It will also improve the confidence of children to meet new people and question them about life choices.

Please do remember that we operate an open door policy. If you have any questions or queries then please pop in and see your child's class teacher.

Here's to a truly exciting new year at All Saints!

Rebecca Walker

Executive Headteacher

## Healthy Snacks

Our Academy operates a healthy snacks policy for break times.

Acceptable snacks Monday to Thursday.

Fruit both fresh and dried  Vegetable sticks  Pure fruit bars  Cereal bars – not chocolate  Fruit flakes including those covered in yogurt  Plain biscuits – no chocolate or cream and no more than 2 please  Breadsticks – little ones  Cheese  Plain unsalted crackers

As part of the fresh fruit scheme, fruit or vegetables are provided most days.

Fridays – on this day the children may, if they wish, bring in one of the following: crisps, chocolate or cake. We thank you for your support in this. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask at the office



## Nut free school



Due to potential allergies to nuts, All Saints CE Academy, is a nut free school. We politely request that parents do not send nuts or nut products in their children's packed lunch, and if cakes/chocolates are being sent in for birthdays you check the packaging for nuts.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

## Too ill for school!



**It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.**

But there are [government guidelines](#)<sup>(1)</sup> for schools and nurseries that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone us on the first day. Let us know that they won't be in and give a reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

<sup>(1)</sup><https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

## Attendance

As a school we are constantly monitoring the attendance of each pupil. We are trying to ensure that all pupils achieve 95% attendance, and if your child's attendance falls below this level, without medical reason, you will receive a letter informing you of their level of attendance and asking you to try to rectify the situation.

Attendance Over the year	Number of days missed	Number of weeks missed	Hours of missed lessons
95%	9.5 days	Almost 2 weeks	57 hours
90%	19 days	Nearly 4 weeks	113 hours
85%	28.5 days	5 weeks 3.5 days	143 hours

Similarly if your child is constantly late for school you will also receive a letter. Between the ages of 5 and 14 only 14.91% of a child's time is spent in school, so it is very important that their attendance is excellent. A reminder that the Government dictates that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, (with the exception of nursery children), and penalty notices will be issued for poor attendance. Parent/Carers will still need to request a holiday form, so we know where children are.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. Our attendance policy can be found at <http://www.allsaints-denstone.staffs.sch.uk/academy-information/policies>

## A Few Reminders

- Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school.
- Please make sure your child brings a coat into school to keep them warm and dry.
- Nail varnish is NOT allowed.
- Earrings will need to be removed before PE classes.
- For the safety of everyone, PLEASE keep your child away from the play equipment at pick up time.
- Please take care and be considerate when parking – Parking is available at the village Hall or at the Farm Shop.
- Please remember that if your child is absent from school you must inform school and inform us of the situation before 9.00am (01889 590418 or [office@allsaints-denstone.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@allsaints-denstone.staffs.sch.uk)).
- Please ensure all long hair is tied back.
- No dogs, except guide dogs, are allowed within the school grounds.
- Please DO NOT use the school car park unless you have been given permission by the Head teacher. It is for the sole use of the staff.

## Communication

Our academy uses various methods of communication.

Emails will be sent to the parent pay contact unless you request otherwise. Events will be posted on our website calendar and highlighted through push notifications from the mobile app. Unfortunately some people have difficulty with notifications on iPhones, to date we have not located the problem which is causing this.

## Important Newsletter Information

This is our first monthly newsletter of the term, and is being distributed in paper format to all families. To try and save paper, time and money, in future we will only distribute paper newsletters to parents who request one. Unless you notify the school office, future newsletters will be sent by email. The email used will link into the one you have loaded onto parent pay, it is therefore important you keep this up to date.

Newsletters will also be posted to our website, so please inform grandparents where to look so they can also keep in touch with all that is going on. This is especially important if they share drop off and pick up.

# DIARY

**Please look at the dates on the website calendar to keep yourself up to date.**

**There is also a whole year holiday calendar to download and print.**

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### Autumn Term 2019

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
FOAL Welcome Drinks 3.15pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7.30pm  
FOAL AGM in school – Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September (Details to follow)  
Harvest Festival in Church 9.30am

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (Change of Date)  
2.45pm – 3.15pm Chartwells our Lunchtime meal provider will be in answering questions and providing food tasting from the new menu. We are also hoping to launch a parent choice and ordering option on parent pay.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October am  
Chartwells our catering provider will give a healthy eating assembly and classroom demonstration to pupils.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents Evening Yr 1 & 2, 2pm start – 6pm  
Whole school 3.30 – 6pm

Half Term Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> INSET for Staff).

## Reception children. First day at school photographs

Each year, photographers come into school and take pictures of our new reception intake. This is then placed alongside other schools in the local newspapers. If you do not want your child's picture taken please notify the school office by the end of this week.